

# The Baptism with the Holy Spirit



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Acts 2:3-4

**2 Timothy 3: 16, 17** All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, **that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” Amen!**

The Bible teaches that there are two very separate and distinct experiences of the Holy Spirit in a Christian’s life. 1. A **born again** experience by the Holy Spirit’s regenerating work in you (making you spiritually alive and a new creature in Christ) John 3:3, Romans 8:11-17, 2 Cor. 5:17 2. A **baptism with the Holy Spirit** like the Day of Pentecost which **empowers** you to be a living witness for Christ and empowers you for service and ministry .... Acts 2:4-8

**Receiving the Holy Spirit upon conversion** (Being a believer in Jesus / being born again) and **being baptized with the Holy Spirit** are two separate and distinct experiences.

The disciples received the Holy Spirit as a “born again” experience on the day of Christ’s resurrection when He visited them behind closed doors due to their fear of the Jews. He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” This was the NT salvation experience for them. At this moment the disciples became “Born Again”. They became a new creation in Christ. You also receive the Holy Spirit when you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior and become spiritually “Born Again.”

**John 20: 21, 22** Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father sent me, I also send you. “And when He had said this, He **breathed** on them, and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit**”.

**John 20** Jesus breathed life into His disciples. He breathed the life of His Holy Spirit into them. Jesus speaks of becoming born again and being a new creature in Christ in **John 3:3** when he says to Nicodemus, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is

“born again” (anew, from above), he cannot see the kingdom of God.” **2 Cor.5:17**  
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.... (He is spiritually born again)

**The BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT:** A very definite experience after being “born again” whereby the Holy Spirit “comes upon” the believer to anoint and empower him for the Christian life. It is referred to as the Spirit “falling upon”, “coming upon,” or being “poured out upon” the yielded believer in a sudden and supernatural manner.

The wonderful ministry of the Holy Spirit as our “Comforter”, who indwells all believers, “is greatly enhanced” as a result of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire!

- **The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is spoken about in all 4 gospels. This emphasizes the importance it plays in a believer’s life.**

**Mat. 3:11** “I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire!** (John the Baptist)

**Mark 1: 7, 8** And he preached, saying, “There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. I indeed **baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit**” (John the Baptist)

**Luke 3:16** “John answered, saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. **He will baptize you “with the Holy Spirit and Fire.”**

**John 1:26-34** .... “I baptize with water, but there stands one among you whom you do not know .... The next day John saw Jesus coming ... and said “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world”... This is **He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**”

- **Jesus emphasized the importance of being Baptized with the Holy Spirit and Fire**

**Acts 1:4,5** “And being assembled together with them, **He commanded** them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to *wait for the “Promise of the Father”* , “which, He said,” you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, **but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**

- **Jesus emphasized the purpose of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and Fire**

**Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, Judea and the other most parts of the world.

**Luke 24:49** Behold, I send the Promise of My Father “upon you”; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with “power from on high.”

Acts 12-14 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the Mount called Olivet. They went to the upper room...all these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer with the women and Mary, the mother of Jesus...

**Acts 2:1-4** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one rested upon each of them.

And they were all “filled with the Holy Spirit” and began to “speak with other tongues”, as the Spirit gave them utterance” **Acts 2:1-4**

So fifty days after Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:21, 22) (become born again; new life), they received the “Baptism with the Holy Spirit” in the upper room for empowered living.

**Acts 2: 5** Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together... we hear them telling in our own tongue the mighty works of God...But others made a joke of it and derisively said “They are simply drunk and full of sweet intoxication wine.

**Acts 2:14-18** Read about Pentecost and the Holy Spirit being “poured out”.

“But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and those who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. **For these are not drunk as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day;** but this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will “pour out” of My Spirit on all flesh, your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants “I will pour out My Spirit” in those day; and they shall prophesy”

**Acts 2:36** Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

**Vs. 37** Now when they heard this they were “cut to the heart,” (convicted) and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, “what shall we do?”

Then Peter said to them, **repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; **and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Promise is to you and to your children...Acts 2:38**

**Repent:** 3340 metanoéō (metá, "changed after being with" and, noiéō, "think") - properly, "think differently after," "a change of mind"; to repent (literally, "think differently afterwards") A change of mind ... A change in mental direction which causes you to turn from sin or unbelief in Christ and turn to God... this results in changed behavior.

- **So after repentance and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior, you are spiritually positioned to receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.**

### **Revival and Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Samaria**

1. **Acts 8:12-21 Philip, one of the early deacons, went down to Samaria to preach and had revival. People received Christ and were baptized in water. Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent Peter and John to them ... and they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had "Fallen Upon" none of them.**

2. **Apostle Paul was converted and "born again". He was also "baptized with the Holy Spirit".**

Paul received Jesus on the road to Damascus. He often referred to the Damascus Road experience as his conversion experience. **However, he did not receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit until three days later when Ananias laid hands on him.**

**Acts 9:17** "And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and **'be filled with the Holy Spirit'**."

Nothing is mentioned about Paul speaking in tongues here, but in 1 Corinthians 14:18 Paul says "I thank God that I speak in tongues more than you all."

3. **Baptism With the Holy Spirit For the Gentiles at Cornelius House**

**Acts 10: 36-48** Ten years after Pentecost we find Cornelius, a military man, had an angelic visitation and was told to send servants to Peter so that he could come and

share with him the plan of salvation. Cornelius invited his relatives and friends to hear Peter preach on the plan of salvation.

While Peter was still speaking ... **the Holy Spirit “Fell Upon”** all those who heard the Word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the **“Gift of the Holy Spirit”** had been **“Poured Out”** on the Gentiles also. **For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.** Then Peter answered, Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who **“have received the Holy Spirit”** just as we have?

#### **4. Baptism with the Holy Spirit at Ephesus**

About 20 years after Pentecost: **“The outpouring of the Spirit”** when Paul went to Ephesus.

**Acts 19:1-7** “... Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them **“Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”** So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” ..... **And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit “Came Upon” them, and they “spoke with tongues and prophesied”.**

It would have been pointless for Paul to ask, “Have you received the Holy Spirit since you believed?” if believers automatically receive the baptism with the Holy Spirit when they believe on Jesus as Savior. When Paul laid hands on them, they spoke in tongues and prophesied. **We see from scripture that when someone was Baptized with the Holy Spirit they received tongues which is their spiritual prayer language to pray and to praise God.**

#### **The Baptism with the Holy Spirit Brings the Promised Holy Spirit**

**John 7:37-39** On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.” But this He spoke concerning **the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given,** because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit brings power to be a witness; power to serve and the ability to do what God requires of you; He brings power for “overflow” so your life will be a channel of blessing to others.

#### **How to Receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

- True Believers in Jesus Christ receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit simply by asking God for it.

**Luke 11:9-13** Ask and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you...If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him! “

The “Outpouring of the Spirit” can come through the laying on of hands or can come through your personal seeking God in prayer; reading the Bible or a time of worship. Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit the believing, willing and yielded heart. Ask and Expect to Receive!

- ✓ It is a Gift received through faith in Jesus Christ; then if a gift, it cannot be worked for, merited, or deserved in any manner. The Holy Spirit is not received as a reward for hours of prayer, holy living, nor because of service and sacrifices made. Rather, He will help you to pray, to become holy and live the Spirit Filled Life. He comes as God’s free gift of Grace. We receive the Holy Spirit freely!
- ✓ Baptism with the Holy Spirit is “usually” first evidenced by speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:4; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6; Ephesians 5:18. If it is not evidenced by tongues usually some spiritual manifestation is associated with the receiving of the “Promise of the Father.” (Prophecy; visions; etc.)

**This experience of the baptism and filling with the Holy Spirit is of great importance. It is accompanied by unmistakable evidences, so that the believer will have no doubts whatsoever that he has indeed received the “Promise of the Father.”**Some of the evidence is manifested immediately, while other evidence continues on a permanent basis as one walks in the Fullness of the Spirit. The born again believer will know through experience that they have received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. There will be no doubt about it. Definite significant changes take place in the heart and life of the believer! Thank God for His filling and changing us forever!

*Dear Friends in Christ,*

*The Baptism with the Holy Spirit so radically changed my life for Jesus; gave me such a passion for His Word and for Him that my life will never ever be the same. My earnest prayer for you is that you too will undoubtedly receive His amazing gift and begin an awesome journey of living your life for God to the full. May He Baptize you with His Holy Spirit and continue to fill you up to overflowing. Jesus*

said, " I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance; to the full, till it overflows." This abundant life begins with "The Promise of the Father" when Jesus "Baptizes you with the Holy Ghost and Fire!" Ask and you will receive.

Love you in Christ,  
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